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## ANCHORAGE DRUG DEALER SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR CONVICTION OF DISTRIBUTION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE

Anchorage, Alaska – United States Attorney Nelson P. Cohen announced that on April 4, 2008, Ronald Leslie Fisher, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, was sentenced in federal court in Anchorage to 60 months for his convictions of distribution of controlled substances and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

United States District Court Judge Timothy M. Burgess imposed the sentence on Fisher, age 32, of 3410 Meadowbrook Circle, Anchorage, Alaska.

According to information presented to the court by Special Assistant United States Attorney Erin White, the defendant sold crack cocaine to a government informant on four separate occasions. The total amount of crack sold by the defendant amounted to 11.1 grams Also, during a traffic stop, law enforcement found the defendant to be in possession of 11.3 grams of crack.

Judge Burgess found that the 60-month sentence was appropriate, based upon factors detailed in the United States Code, which include the nature of the offense and the criminal history of the defendant.

Mr. Cohen commended the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force for the investigation leading to the successful prosecution of Fisher. SAUSA White is one of two prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office who are funded by the Municipality of Anchorage for the purpose of prosecuting gang-related and violent crime cases.

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